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ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,
30 TREMONT STREET,

BOSTON, February 1, 1911.

Hon. JOHN F. FITZGERALD,

Mayor of the City of Boston:—

SIR,—In accordance with chapter 3, section 22, of the Revised Ordinances, the Trustees for Children present their Annual Report for the financial year ending Jan. 31, 1911, this being the fourteenth year of the Children's Institutions Department, and the fifty-third year of the Institutions Department.

The members of the Board and the times of expiration of their appointments are as follows:—

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, <i>Chairman</i>	May 1, 1911.
Miss MARY BOYLE O'REILLY, <i>Secretary</i>	" 1914.
JOHN O'HARE	" 1913.
JAMES P. CLEARY	" 1914.
Mrs. CAROLINE S. ATHERTON	" 1911.
LOUIS A. GINSBURG	" 1915.
JOHN F. CRONIN	" 1912.

The Trustees heard with regret, in December, that Mrs. Rachel Sherman Thorndike had been obliged to resign from the Board. She had been an interested and efficient member.

During the past year thirty-five meetings of the Trustees have been held. The standing committees are:—

Committee on Finance. — The CHAIRMAN, Mr. O'HARE, and Mr. CLEARY.

Committee on Schools. — Miss O'REILLY and Mrs. ATHERTON.

Committee on Placing-Out Division. — Mrs. ATHERTON and Mr. GINSBURG.

Committee on Releases. — Mr. O'HARE and Miss O'REILLY.

Committee on Legislation. — The CHAIRMAN, Mr. CLEARY, and Mr. GINSBURG.

The members of the Board all serve in turn on the Visiting Committee for the Parental School and the Suffolk School for Boys, two members being appointed for two months in succession. They also visit the children placed out in families and institutions at intervals.

The children under the care of the Board are classed as follows:—

(a.) Delinquent children at the Suffolk School for Boys (Rainsford Island) and probationers therefrom.

(b.) Truants at the Parental School (West Roxbury) and probationers therefrom.

(c.) Dependent and Neglected children boarded or placed free in families (usually in the country), and a number in the care of schools for defectives or other hospitals or institutions not under the management of the Trustees, where they have been placed for training or hospital treatment at the expense of this Department.

The total number of children now in the care of the Department is 1,563, or 147 less than at the beginning of the year, divided as follows:—

In the Suffolk School for Boys	115
On probation from the Suffolk School for Boys,	202
In the Parental School	162
On probation from the Parental School	270
Dependent children	659
Neglected children	155
Total	<u>1,563</u>

The total number of children admitted to the care of the Department during the year was 338, divided as follows:—

Delinquent children	66
“ child (previously discharged)	1
Truant children	66
Dependent “	195
Neglected “	10
Total	<u>338</u>

The total number of children discharged from the Department during the year was 485, divided as follows:—

From the Suffolk School for Boys	4
“ Suffolk School for Boys, probationers	105
“ the Parental School	16
“ Parental School, probationers	136
‘ Dependent and Neglected children	224
Total	<u>485</u>

One hundred and three boys from the Suffolk School for Boys and 113 boys and one girl from the Parental School were released on probation. These remain in charge of the Department, the boys from the Suffolk School for Boys in many instances until their majority is attained, and

the boys and girls from the Parental School until they reach the age of 16 years in nearly all cases. Of the 224 dependent and neglected children discharged nine died, of whom eight were in institutions not directly in our charge.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The total cost of the maintenance of the Children's Institutions Department for the year was \$195,889.16, which, divided among the whole average number of children (1,671) makes an average per capita expense of \$117.23 for the year, or \$2.25 per week.

An analysis of the expenses of the Placing-Out and Office Division, the Parental School and the Suffolk School for Boys is given in Tables 2B to 2G, inclusive.

The net cost of the Placing-Out Division, with its estimated share of the office expenses amounted to \$92,979.00. This includes a credit of \$355.51, on account of the increase in the inventory of clothing on hand February 1, 1911, over the inventory of the year previous.

Of this, \$9,402.92 has been paid for the board of children in the Massachusetts Hospital School at Canton, the Massachusetts State Sanatorium at Rutland, the Long Island Hospital, and the State Hospital; and \$109.10 was paid on account of children who were at the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded and at the Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics previous to December 1, 1908, for whom we received no bills until during the year 1910.

The remainder, \$83,466.98, has been paid for an average of 486 children boarded in families and an average of 277 children in free homes. Taking together all children placed in families (763) we find the average per capita cost for the year to be \$109.39, or \$2.10 per week.

The total net cost of caring for the delinquent children was \$44,921.15, of which \$42,955.72 was used for the Suffolk School for Boys, including an estimated share of the office expenses (\$500.00) making an average per capita cost for each boy actually in the Institution (132), \$325.42 for the year, or \$6.24 per week.

The remainder, \$1,965.43, represents the amount expended on the visitation of boys on probation in their own homes and homes in the country, the clothing furnished by the Placing-Out Division to some of these boys when going to the country, and board paid for an average of three boys for the year. Taking together all delinquents, both in the Suffolk School for Boys and on probation (an average of 364), the average cost per capita for the year was \$123.41, or \$2.37 per week.

The total net cost of caring for the truants committed to the Parental School was \$57,633.50, of which \$53,166.35 was used for the Parental School, including an estimated share of the office expenses, (\$500) making an average per capita cost for each child in the institution (172) \$309.11 for the year, or \$5.93 per week.

The remainder, \$4,467.15, represents the amount expended on the visitation of boys on probation in their homes, and homes in the country, the clothing furnished by the Placing-Out Division to some of these boys when going to the country, and board paid for an average of 23 truants on probation. Taking together all the truants (an average of 473) the average per capita cost for the year was \$121.85, or \$2.34 per week.

The cost to date of the new school building at the Parental School has been \$49,614.14, of which \$24,725.26 has been paid this year. There is a balance of \$385.86 which will be expended in 1911.

During the year seven children attending high schools were assisted from the Sawyer Fund Income to the amount of \$111.36, the money being expended principally for clothing.

SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Suffolk School for Boys is situated on Rainsford Island, which contains about eleven acres. A hillside and roads leading from one part of the island to another constitute a large part of its area.

To this institution are sent the boys of the city whom the police find to be too irregular to be kept in the community. Often a boy is committed to the institution technically for a certain offence, when in fact, if complained of for such an offence, he would not be sent to an institution by the court unless it were thought impossible to keep him in good order at home by probationary and other methods.

These boys, technically called delinquents, come to the School between eight and sixteen years of age and remain on the average about a year in the institution. They are then placed on probation subject to visitation until they are twenty-one.

The report of the Superintendent gives a list of the various studies and occupations by which the School aims to develop the good which is in the boys and to enable them to get rid of their bad habits.

There is much to be said in commendation of the School. The spirit of the boys is excellent. They are industrious at their work and studies and the reports of the agent who visits them after they are placed on probation, either in their own homes or the homes of others may be considered very favorable. (See p. 24.)

The Trustees do not think it advisable to go into great expense for buildings on this small island, but repairs are made as far as necessary from time to time. It is hoped that

a more suitable location for the School and a more adequate equipment will be furnished in the future.

During the year just ended Sumner D. Seavey was obliged to resign his position of Superintendent because of ill health. Mr. Seavey served the School faithfully for eleven years and it is largely owing to his ability, his devotion, his suggestiveness and invention that with all its handicaps the School is what we find it today. With great regret the Trustees accepted Mr. Seavey's resignation.

Dr. C. A. Rabethge, who is now in charge, under a provisional appointment, has been at the School for ten years as physician and athletic teacher.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

BOSTON, February 1, 1911.

To the Trustees for Children:—

I have the honor to submit the annual report of the Suffolk School for Boys for the year ending January 31, 1911:—

STATISTICS.

Number of boys in the institution February 1, 1910	.	.	.	.	.	137
“ committed during the year	.	.	.	.	.	66
“ returned from probation	.	.	.	.	.	19
“ released on probation	.	.	.	.	.	105
“ transferred to other institutions	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ in institution Jan. 31, 1911	.	.	.	.	.	115
Largest daily attendance	.	.	.	.	.	153
Smallest daily attendance	.	.	.	.	.	106
Average daily attendance	.	.	.	.	.	132

SCHOOL WORK.

The school work is in charge of a principal, three teachers, and an instructor in sloyd. The curriculum, methods, grades, etc., are similar to those of the Boston public schools, the boys being readily transferred to the public schools when released on probation.

The course of study demands 25 hours per week, 4 hours and 15 minutes of which time is devoted to sloyd work.

During July and August a summer school was in session five periods per week.

INDUSTRIES.

The industries of the institution, consisting of printing, shoemaking, tailoring, carpentry and farm work, give employment to some 45 boys.

It is the aim of our instructors to make the work of as practical a nature as possible so that a boy, on leaving the institution, may be able to earn a living. That they have

accomplished this in some degree, is attested by the fact that many of our boys do succeed in making a living by working at occupations learned in this School. The limited period for which a boy is held in this institution forbids a very thorough training in any trade, but we do hope and aim to inculcate habits of industry and to impart a sufficient knowledge of his occupation so that a boy may be self-supporting while completing his trade education.

In any event our work is practical. Our printers print large quantities of stationery and other matter, including the annual report; our shoemakers make shoes that meet commercial requirements; our tailors make many of the garments worn in the institution; our carpenters do the necessary repair work of the institution; the farmers raise vegetables and do other necessary farm work; all this being practical, necessary work, which must be a valuable training to boys who have never had a serious purpose in life.

The constructional instinct is strong in most boys; they take kindly to tools and implements, and it is by following this inclination that we hope to accomplish the most good for the delinquent. It is for this reason that I advocate and urge the adoption of all possible mechanical vocations for our boys as being the surest means of making them self-supporting and self-respecting, with the ultimate prospect of reformation.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Religious services have been conducted in the Chapel each Sunday by Rev. Matthew McDonald, S.J., who has also regularly visited the Catholic boys in their spiritual interests.

The Sabbath school has been conducted regularly.

Services for the Protestant boys have been conducted by Miss Lillie A. Cobb.

Services for the Jewish boys has been in charge of the Boston Council of Jewish Women.

We are gratefully appreciative of the interest shown by those who are conducting this work, and take this opportunity of expressing our thanks.

HEALTH.

The health of the boys has been very good. One boy was sent to the Long Island Hospital for treatment.

Six hundred and forty cases were treated by the resident physician. There have been no deaths.

The dentist, Dr. Evan P. Wentworth, cleansed the teeth of all the boys. He also treated and capped 52 teeth, extracted 183, and made 97 fillings.

The oculist, Dr. Edward D. Hurley, has made regular visits to the Island, tested the eyes of the boys for glasses, and prescribed other necessary treatment.

Classes in calisthenics daily, and athletic exercises on holidays have been conducted by the physical director.

Ocean bathing is practiced when possible, this being subject to tide conditions.

CONCLUSION.

The work on the play room, which has been in progress for a number of months, has been completed, giving us a spacious and pleasant play room. The dormitories and the officers' quarters at the institution have been painted, new floors have been laid where most needed, and other necessary repairs have been carried on in order to keep the buildings in as good condition as our means and our environment permit.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to my associates and to the Board of Trustees for their hearty co-operation and generous support.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. RABETHGE,

Superintendent.

PARENTAL SCHOOL — (THE TRUANT SCHOOL
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON).

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Parental School is the Truant School of the City of Boston. It is intended for the care of boys and girls whom the truant officers and school teachers have found impossible to keep in the schools while living in their homes. For some reason the School has diminished in size from about two hundred and fifty pupils to one hundred and fifty in the course of the last few years.

The Trustees recognize that other things being equal, institution life is not so good for children as home life, and if this great falling off in the number of pupils in the School indicates that the school committee is able to take better care of the children in their homes than formerly, it is certainly a great step in advance.

For the first time, this year the Parental School has had a proper school building, which is much appreciated. Hitherto there has been no place where all the boys could be assembled at one time. A gymnasium was a part of the original plan for the school building, but not enough money was appropriated to build it. We hope that some plan can be devised for setting up a gymnasium somewhere on our grounds.

TRUANT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The Trustees are not satisfied with the Truant School for Girls. This school is carried on in a hired house, about a mile away from the school for boys, and contains from six to ten girls, as a rule.

The Trustees are of the opinion that this number of girls could be better cared for by placing them in country homes.

Possibly it might happen, however, that occasionally one of them would need to be sent to a reformatory, but the majority could live in good families, where they would go to school like other children; in this way they would acquire habits of industry quite as well as in this expensive school; and at the same time they would obtain a better training for a life outside than they can possibly receive in an institution where everything moves so smoothly that they get no experience of real life. As an institution, however, this one is of simple character and well conducted, and the girls receive, undoubtedly, much benefit from it.

The Trustees have applied to the General Court for permission to receive the custody of truant girls and to treat them in the same way as neglected children.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PARENTAL SCHOOL.

To the Trustees for Children:—

In accordance with the prescribed duties of the Superintendent, I have the honor to submit herewith my tenth annual report for the year ending January 31, 1911.

The following statistics present a partial summary of tables found elsewhere in this report, and other facts of interest relating to the School:—

Number of children Feb. 1, 1910	187
“ committed during the year	66
“ returned from probation	39
“ discharged during the year	14
“ released on probation	114
Number of deaths	2
Number of children January 31, 1911	162
Average daily attendance	172
Average age of children committed: 12 years, 2 months, 22 days.	
Average time spent in the School by children discharged and released on probation: 14 months, 18 days.	
Number placed in country homes	28
Number returned from country homes to the Parental School	12
Number allowed to go from country homes to their own homes	5
Number returned from probation from own homes	27
Number out on probation committed to Suffolk School,	11
Number out on probation committed to Lyman School,	7
Number out on probation committed to George Junior Republic	1
Number out on probation committed to Massachusetts Reformatory	1
Number at home on probation	216
Number in country homes on probation	54
Whole number out on probation	270
Weekly per capita expense	\$5.93

HEALTH.

Although the general health has been good, we were called to mourn the death of two boys: Peter Derby, who died Feb. 1, 1910, of malignant scarlet fever, and John Hartley, who died April 26, 1910, of pneumonia and pleurisy. Eighteen boys and five girls with diphtheria, and five boys with scarlet fever were taken to the City Hospital. Most of these cases, however, were very mild. Two girls, having tuberculous glands of the neck were operated on also at the City Hospital.

Dr. Hugo O. Peterson, the medical house officer, has treated 1,554 cases: 260 were hospital patients, 30 of whom were transferred to the City Hospital. The visiting staff of physicians were Dr. A. M. Worthington, Dr. W. W. Howell, Dr. E. N. Libbey, Dr. F. C. Jillson; Dr. Edward D. Hurley, ophthalmologist; Dr. C. Morton Smith, dermatologist; Dr. J. S. Stone, consulting surgeon; Dr. E. P. Wentworth, dentist.

Dr. Edward D. Hurley has examined the eyes of the children as they were admitted, or needed attention. Forty-two were supplied with spectacles.

Dr. Evan P. Wentworth, dentist, treated and capped 17 teeth, extracted 239 teeth, and made 100 fillings. The teeth of all the boys were cleansed in July and January.

SCHOOL WORK.

The school work has been substantially the same as during the preceding year. Until the beginning of the fall term (Sept. 14) there were eight grade teachers, one sloyd teacher, and a trades teacher, the last having begun work in January, and having resigned his position in June, the results of his work being disappointing, largely due to the lack of maturity in the boys. At the beginning of the fall term we had only seven grade teachers, Miss Isabel R. Gardner, a most excellent teacher, having accepted a position in the city schools.

About the first of October the class in carpentry resumed work under a new teacher. This class, limited to fifteen of the oldest boys who, in the ordinary course of events will remain in the School at least the greater part of a year, have (some of them) been doing good work. Their forenoons have been devoted to carpentry and the afternoons to arithmetic, language, and other English branches. Those who are interested and who have a strong purpose of their own have gained much information and some insight into the building trade. Others, lacking purpose and initiative have soon tired of being held to the same kind of work,

and some have been disappointed because they have not made models which they can send or take home, as is the custom in ordinary sloyd work. In order that the trades classes may be strictly trades classes and the members derive a working knowledge of some trade, either the legal age limit must be extended one or two years beyond 16, or the boys after leaving the School must join some evening or day trade classes in the city to continue and complete the course which they have begun; otherwise what they have learned will be of little practical use to them in gaining a livelihood.

WORK OUT OF SCHOOL.

With the completion of the new school building there came a big job of filling and grading, at which the boys were employed much of the time during the summer. Thousands of wheelbarrow loads of ashes and of muck from the swamp were hauled by the boys, and the grounds about the building are now ready for the top-dressing of loam.

It requires a great amount of labor to keep the buildings in presentable condition and to do the necessary work in the kitchens, dormitories, bakery, laundry, boiler-room, on the grounds, and in the gardens. Although a large part of this work must necessarily be done by boys whose average age is under 12 years, we have to guard each boy against overwork and to give him enough play to keep him in good spirits and in good physical condition.

THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

The new school building was opened for school purposes Sept. 14, 1910.

It is a well-constructed building with a large assembly hall, two class-rooms, a toilet room, and a teacher's room on the second floor; six class-rooms, a supply room, and an office on the first floor; a sloyd room, lumber rooms, and lavatories in the basement. At the present time all the class-rooms are occupied.

The pictures and plaster casts from the old school buildings have been arranged in the several class-rooms and these, with the plants which the teachers have provided, make the rooms very attractive, the boy's school accommodations and school equipment comparing favorably with those afforded by most of the city schools.

HELEN CHEEVER COTTAGE.

During the past year we have had an average of nine girls, at the present time (Jan. 31) there being eight girls

enrolled, one of whom, however, having chronic heart trouble, is living at St. Monica's Home at the expense of the Department. Of those now enrolled at the School, four are in the fifth grade, three in the sixth, and one is in the eighth grade.

The girls enjoy excellent advantages for education and training. They spend about three and a half hours a day (five days a week) in the school-room under an experienced and painstaking teacher, and the number being small, each girl's needs are carefully looked after and commendable progress made. While we value highly the results of the school work we value quite as highly their training in the household arts. This is in charge of an experienced matron, thoroughly trained in all branches of domestic work, who is interested in each girl's welfare, and knows the kind of training that will best fit her for home-making and for self-support along domestic lines. Every means is employed to teach the girls how to do that which will be most helpful to them in the years to come, and which will enable them to become honest and self-respecting members of society. It is to be regretted that more girls cannot receive the valuable training which Helen Cheever Cottage affords. The cottage is well equipped for fifteen girls and there are certainly that number and even many more in the city whose lives would be better and whose future would be brighter if they were to receive the schooling and training which our girls are receiving.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The Catholic children have attended Saint Theresa's Church, the Protestant children the South Evangelical Church; and the Hebrew boys have received religious instruction from Mr. Max Fritz. The helpfulness and devotion of those who have given so unselfishly of their time and energy to the religious instruction of the children is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

SPORTS AND CONTESTS.

In addition to their usual daily games and plays, the boys and girls enjoyed swimming nearly every day during the summer. On Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Bunker Hill Day, and the Fourth of July, we had field and track sports, and contests in speaking, singing, whistling, dancing, jumping rope, juggling, tumbling, character sketches, and harmonica playing. In the evening of July Fourth we had a fine display of fireworks.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. DAME,
Superintendent.

PLACING-OUT AND OFFICE DIVISION.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

This Division was founded about forty years ago by the present General Agent when he had no other title but that of Agent for Aiding Discharged Prisoners, under the old Board of Public Institutions, which in fact was the only title he had when this Board of Trustees was created in 1897.

The Trustees appreciate the value of Mr. McCarthy's work. It is one where great wisdom is needed. The heart must not run away with the head, sympathy must not run away with reason, and the good showing of our boys and girls as seen in the reports bears witness to the tireless and efficient service of the General Agent and his staff of workers.

The Placing-out Division aims to take, with respect to a child, the position of parent or guardian. To think of a placing-out department as being an agency for sending children to families with a group of visitors, to report from time to time how they are getting on, by no means represents what such an institution really is. The child must have a true home, a home appropriate to its needs; if possible this home should supply all the good influences which the child ought to have had in its own home; but in addition, the visitor of each child must hold such a relation as to be able to represent the good father and mother.

A close examination of the report of the General Agent gives hints of this work. On p. 20, for instance, is a list of the occupations of the children who have been discharged from indenture during the year. The expression "indenture" with us means that a child lives in a family, no board being paid, the child still being under the supervision of a visitor.

The selection of all these occupations was in each case the result of many consultations between the child, the head of the family, and the visitor of the Department.

To obtain an impression of the real value of the work of this Division, one must read the account given by the General Agent, with a recognition of the fact that a report can necessarily be but a bare and cold outline of a difficult, complicated, and arduous piece of work on the part of all concerned in it.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT FOR THE PLACING-OUT AND OFFICE DIVISION.

To the Trustees for Children:—

The report of the work for this Division for the year ending January 31, 1911, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The city minor wards consist of four classes, as follows:—

Juvenile delinquents—boys between the ages of eight and seventeen, on probation from the Suffolk School for Boys during minority.

Truants—boys and girls on probation from the Parental School until they reach the age of sixteen years.

Neglected children—those who through neglect, crime, or vice of their parents, are committed by the courts to the custody of the Trustees during minority or for any less term.

Dependent children—those who by reason of poverty or illness are received by the Department from parents or friends.

At the close of the year there were 1,210 children in charge of the Placing-Out Division, as follows:—

DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED:

At board in families	488
Without board	251

TRUANTS:

In families at board	21
Without board	33
In their own homes on probation .	216

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS:

In families at board	2
Without board	27
In their own homes on probation .	172

In addition to these there were supported an average of 34 girls and boys at the Massachusetts Hospital School for Crippled and Deformed Children at Canton, and an average of 18 at Long Island Hospital during the year, for whom the Department paid the cost of maintenance.

INVESTIGATIONS.

During the present year there were 416 applications for the admission of dependent children to this Department, of whom 184 were admitted. There were 327 children for whom work was done by enabling the father and mother to keep the home together or by placing children with relatives; in addition, ten cases of neglected children were committed by the courts.

There were 825 miscellaneous investigations which consisted largely in keeping track of parents; 149 for the release of boys and girls from the Parental School; 111 for the release of boys from the Suffolk School; 104 for the release of children from the Placing-Out Division to their homes; 21 for return from probation; 131 of homes in the country. Total 2,094.

Applications for the admission of dependent children are made at the office. The home of the applicant is in every case visited by an agent or visitor, and the clergy, private and public charitable societies, and others having knowledge of the family in the case, are interviewed. The agent then reports on the advisability of receiving or refusing to admit the child.

It often occurs that the family requires temporary aid only, and it is therefore referred to the Overseers of the Poor or some private charitable society that will render the necessary assistance, which results in our being able to save the child from becoming a public charge.

In emergency cases children are sent to the temporary home pending the result of the visitor's report.

A record of each child is kept, giving the name, age, history of family, religion, school attendance, physical and mental condition, results of investigations, where placed, visits, etc.

The following is a list of the present condition of the dependent girls and boys who have been discharged from indenture during the year:

Boys.	
Farmer	9
Clerk	4
Shoemaker	4
Fisherman	3
Attending high school	3
Waiter	2
Machine-shop worker	2
Teamster	1
Carpenter	1
Painter	1
Woolen factory	1
Milk dealer	1
Blacksmith	1
Florist	1
Produce dealer	1
Hotel clerk	1
Adopted	1
Died	1

GIRLS.

Housework	16	Waitress	2
Returned to parents	11	Stenographer	1
Adopted	3	At work in silk mill	1
Married	2	Hospital nurse	1
Training for nurse	2	Clerk	1
Attending business college .	2	Cook	1
Employed in factory	2		

HOMES.

Children are boarded in families until the age of twelve years unless sooner adopted or taken free, except in cases of physical defects or disability which require temporary provision in a hospital, institution, or one of the temporary boarding homes, or until improvement or recovery will permit of transfer to a private family. As a rule not more than two children are boarded in the same family unless brothers and sisters, and then not exceeding three in number.

It is our practice when children are placed at board to keep brothers and sisters together, if not in the same family in the immediate vicinity. Correspondence between brothers and sisters in both free and boarding homes is encouraged. All communications are sent through the Department.

Worthy parents are permitted to correspond with their children in country homes through the Department, and occasional visits are allowed.

Children in the custody of the Trustees may be held until they attain their majority, or until they become self-supporting, or are adopted; but many are discharged to their parents when the Trustees are satisfied that they can properly care for them.

The demand from persons offering free homes for boys and girls over school age exceeds the number of our children who are eligible for such homes, and we are therefore frequently unable to accommodate all worthy applicants for children.

The physical, mental and moral welfare of the children is carefully guarded by the Trustees and they are moved from one family to another, whenever, in the opinion of the Trustees, such changes are advisable.

It is the policy of the Department to place children in families of the same religion as that of their parents. Their spiritual wants are looked after by the clergy of the various denominations. The progress made in religious instructions is reported twice each year on blanks furnished by the Department, as follows:—

CATHOLIC. Progress made in religious instruction by.....
, a Ward of the Trustees for Children of the City of
 Boston, who is now in the family of....., of
 Sunday School,..... ; Catechism,..... ;
 Confession, ; When confirmed,..... ; Communion,
 ; (Signed)....., Pastor.

In case of neglect of religious duties on the part of the family
 please notify the Trustees for Children, 30 Tremont St., Boston.

PROTESTANT. Progress made in religious instruction by.....
, a Ward of the Trustees for Children of the City of
 Boston, who is now in the family of....., of..... ;
 Church, ; Prayer, ; Sunday School,..... ;
 Young People's Religious Society,..... ; When confirmed
 or received into the church,..... ; Church, ;
 Communion,..... ; (Signed)....., Pastor.

In case of neglect of religious duties on the part of the family
 please notify the Trustees for Children, 30 Tremont St., Boston.

VISITS.

The first visit to a child is rarely satisfactory, as being unfamiliar with his surroundings he is apt to be on his best behavior; usually his true disposition, either for good or evil, is learned during later visits. The treatment the child receives at the hands of the family in whose charge he is may not be satisfactory; hence the need of constant watchfulness and care of these wards of the city. Adjusting cases where dissatisfaction has arisen on either side is a frequent duty. Conference and advice are often sufficient to remove difficulties and few complaints of ill-treatment have arisen.

The visitors are given a list of children with whom they become intimately acquainted. They make a written report of each visit to the General Agent, who in turn presents it to the Trustees for inspection. All such reports are kept filed with the child's history and record in an individual envelope.

SCHOOLING.

The law in reference to school has with few exceptions been complied with. Nine boys and 15 girls are attending high schools or academies, and one boy will enter one of the leading colleges next year. The following questions are sent to the teacher at the close of each school term:—

.....age....., is a member of the family of.....
and has attended school for the term commencing.....
and ending.....Has been absent.....days; tardy
times; dismissed.....times. Behavior,.....;
 scholarship,.....; grade,.....; class,.....;
 promoted at the end of this term?.....

These reports are usually satisfactory and show that the children are attending school regularly, and that they are doing as well as the average child in deportment and studies.

HEALTH.

The general health of children in families has been good. There have been few contagious diseases. The deaths number nine; five being under three years of age, one three years old, and three over ten years of age. Eight died in hospitals where they had been sent for treatment, and one in a family. (See Table No. 40 for causes of deaths.)

Ninety-two children required the services of specialists, and were brought from their suburban homes for treatment at the Children's, Massachusetts General and the City Hospitals, and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Others were treated by physicians, oculists and dentists in localities where they resided.

Each child when received at the office is carefully examined by the medical officer of the Department. He is then bathed and furnished with a new suit of clothing. If he is in good health he is placed directly in a family, either at board or on indenture. If he requires treatment at a hospital he is placed in one adapted to his condition.

Special pains are taken to find homes for defective, crippled or deformed children not requiring hospital treatment, by offering an extra compensation to families to care for them until they are able to pay their own way. The effect of free surroundings and country life on these unfortunates is wonderful, and many of them in time become self-supporting.

Special appliances are supplied when needed for rupture, broken bones, club feet, etc.

TRUANTS.

Under the present laws a truant, absentee, or school offender may be committed to the Parental School until he reaches the age of sixteen years. The merit system established by the Trustees makes it possible for a boy or girl to earn their release on probation in six months. When on the eligible list for probation they may be released on terms agreed upon by the Trustees, Superintendent of Public

Schools, and a Justice of the court which imposed the sentence. If his home conditions are satisfactory he is permitted to return there; if otherwise, a home in the country is found for him.

All truants in their own homes are required to report at the office of the Trustees each month; they are also visited in their own homes and at school. The truant officers and masters of schools co-operate with our agent in the supervising of these boys.

Fifty boys and two girls on probation from the Parental School were in country homes at the beginning of the year; 28 boys were placed in country homes from the School during the year, and three from their own homes; twelve were returned to the school for various causes. Four boys and one girl were allowed to return to their own homes on probation, and twelve were discharged, leaving a total of 53 boys and one girl in families in the country at the close of the year. Twenty-seven boys in their own homes having violated the conditions of their release have been returned to the Parental School during the past twelve months; 20 were sent to other institutions, such as Suffolk School and Lyman School, and 104 were discharged by expiration of sentence, leaving 216 at home on probation. Adding to this number those in country homes we have a total of 270 on probation and subject to supervision at close of the year.

Of 213 probationers at home (boys), 90 are attending day school; 5 are employed and attending night school; 68 are employed and not attending school; 18 are irregularly employed; 7 are unemployed; 20 are out of the state or city, not visited; 5 have been lost sight of.

Of the girls on probation, two have been discharged during the past year, having reached the age of 16 years, two are at home with relatives and employed, one in a dry goods house and the other in a factory; one lives with parents and attends school, and one is indentured with a family in the country and earning wages. All are doing well and are visited frequently, not being required to report at the office as is customary with the boys. None have ever been returned to the Parental School.

DELINQUENTS.

There are 202 boys on parole from the Suffolk School, which is twenty less than a year ago. Of these, 139 boys are at work and 52 at school; this was 23 fewer boys at work, but an encouraging increase of 28 at school over the numbers of the previous year.

The trades are well represented as will be seen in Table 13.

Six boys are working at printing, and ten in shoe shops. At this season both trades are suffering from a depression. Ten boys are working as farmers; one as a carpenter.

There are 161 boys living in their own homes; seven of the older boys are working independently, principally those with poor homes of their own, who had learned trades at the School, and do not care for farm life.

Shoe factories, printing offices and other places of business are visited and the employers urged to try our boys. When possible the boys are placed directly at work so that it is made as easy as it can be for them to obtain work at an age when they are anxious to work. Our appeals to the various places have been fairly well met, and employment given, as far as possible under the prevailing system, where the boy on the spot is taken. Many boys become indifferent and even opposed to work if they do not find it in a short time.

Of the 52 boys in school, three are in high schools and others in the highest grades of the grammar school. This might indicate mental ability which should have prevented such boys from commitment to an institution for punishment and reform.

On the whole, the conduct of the boys on probation was good. (See Table 11.) It is difficult to classify a boy's conduct who has had a record of delinquency. Boys who might be doing well at present, and must be considered so, may be tabulated differently a month hence.

Of the boys discharged from the Department during the year (109) 78 had reached the age of 18 and had been out of the School two years or more; one had reached the age of 21. The majority of these were doing well. One boy died at home; six had joined the navy; eight were discharged as out of the state; one was discharged to the Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics; fourteen were committed to other correctional institutions.

There were seven less boys committed to the Massachusetts Reformatory than last year. None were committed to the new school at Shirley.

CONCLUSION.

The accompanying statistics, beginning on page 51, will explain the working of this Division during the year.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Trustees for the interest taken in all that concerns the well-being of this Division.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. MCCARTHY,

General Agent.

This Report of the Trustees for Children, including reports of officers of the Department, is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, *Chairman*.

JOHN O'HARE.

JAMES P. CLEARY.

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LOUIS A. GINSBURG.

JOHN F. CRONIN.

MARY BOYLE O'REILLY, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

GENERAL AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

TABLE NO. 1.

Comparisons of Admissions, including Court Commitments, for the past Thirteen Years.

YEAR.	DEPENDENT.	NEGLECTED.	TRUANTS.	JUVENILE OFFENDERS.	TOTAL.
1898.....	187	37	189	126	539
1899.....	108	30	189	113	440
1900.....	171	23	171	107	472
1901.....	112	25	204	89	430
1902.....	131	24	242	104	501
1903.....	113	10	213	89	425
1904.....	129	26	193	81	429
1905.....	197	22	260	84	563
1906.....	199	29	133	73	434
1907.....	190	32	139	125	486
1908.....	197	21	104	125	447
1909.....	208	32	91	89	420
1910.....	195	10	66	66	337

During the year there were 105 truants committed to the Parental School, 39 of whom had been formerly released on probation; 85 juvenile offenders were committed to the Suffolk School for Boys 19 of whom had previously been released on probation.

Including these recommitments, there was a total of 395 children admitted during the year.

TABLE NO. 1 A.

Total in Charge by Classes and Present Placing at the end of Years 1907, 1908, 1909, and 1910.

	1907.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1908.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1909.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.
DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.																
Boarded in families	354 {	47.20	. . .	. . .	366 {	. . .	. . .	. . .	396 {	58.11	. . .	. . .	410 {	59.95	. . .	. . .
Indentured in families (free homes)	215 {	33.30	. . .	. . .	208 {	. . .	. . .	. . .	198 {	33.73	. . .	. . .	179 {	30.84	. . .	. . .
In Institutions	162 {	19.50	. . .	. . .	49 {	. . .	. . .	. . .	63 {	8.16	. . .	. . .	70 {	9.21	. . .	. . .
	10 }		909	49.14	2 }			790	5 }		833	48.71	5 }		814	52.08
TRUANTS.																
In Parental School	240	42.86	. . .	. . .	190	. . .	. . .	. . .	187	36.11	. . .	. . .	162	37.50	. . .	. . .
At home on probation	267	47.68	. . .	. . .	303	. . .	. . .	. . .	279	53.86	. . .	. . .	216	50.00	. . .	. . .
Boarded in families on probation	34	6.07	. . .	. . .	31	. . .	. . .	. . .	28	5.40	. . .	. . .	21	4.86	. . .	. . .
Indentured in families on probation	19	3.39	. . .	. . .	26	. . .	. . .	. . .	24	4.63	. . .	. . .	33	7.64	. . .	. . .
			560	30.27				550			518	30.30			432	27.64
JUVENILE OFFENDERS.																
In Suffolk School for Boys	145	38.07	. . .	. . .	142	. . .	. . .	. . .	137	38.16	. . .	. . .	115	36.28	. . .	. . .
At home on probation	201	52.77	. . .	. . .	179	. . .	. . .	. . .	182	50.70	. . .	. . .	161	50.79	. . .	. . .
Boarded in families on probation	4	1.05	. . .	. . .	5	. . .	. . .	. . .	4	1.11	. . .	. . .	2	.63	. . .	. . .
Indentured in families on probation	21	5.52	. . .	. . .	15	. . .	. . .	. . .	30	8.36	. . .	. . .	25	7.89	. . .	. . .
Lost sight of	1	.26	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	6	1.90	. . .	. . .
Doing for themselves	6	1.57	. . .	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	4	1.11	. . .	. . .	7	2.20	. . .	. . .
In Penal Institutions	2	.50	. . .	. . .	3	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	.28	. . .	. . .	1	.31	. . .	. . .
In the Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics	1	.26	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	.28	. . .	. . .			. . .	. . .
			381	20.59				346			359	20.99			317	20.28
Total . . . . .	. . .	. . .	1,850	100.00	. . .	. . .	1,686	. . .	. . .	. . .	1,710	100.00	. . .	. . .	1,563	100.00

TABLE NO. 2.

Average Number of Children in Care of the Department during the Year.

Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Free Homes	277	
Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children boarding	486	
Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Institutions	71	
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Total average number of Dependent and Neglected Children		834
Average number of Juvenile Offenders in Suffolk School for Boys	132	
Average number of Juvenile Offenders on Probation from Suffolk School	*232	
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Total average number of Juvenile Offenders		364
Average number of Truants in Parental School,	172	
Average number of Truants on Probation from Parental School	†301	
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Total average number of Truants		473
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Total average in care of the Department		<u>1,671</u>

* Of this number an average of 33 were placed by the Placing-Out Division in country homes, for three of whom board was paid.

† Of this number an average of 51 were placed by the Placing-Out Division in country homes, for 23 of whom board was paid.

TABLE NO. 2 A.

Total and Average Cost of the Three Divisions.

Placing-Out and Office Division	\$101,753 74
Parental School	54,941 33
Suffolk School for Boys	45,291 37
Total	<u>\$201,986 44</u>
Income from the three Divisions, (bills and cash forwarded to the City Collector,)	6,097 28
Total net cost	<u>\$195,889 16</u>
Average per capita cost of total number of children (1,671) under our care for the year	<u>\$117 23</u>
Average per capita expense of total number of children per week	<u>\$2 25</u>
Sawyer Marcella Street Home Fund Income	<u>\$111 36</u>
Parental School, School Building	<u>\$24,725 26</u>

TABLE NO. 2 B.

Office Expenses.

Salaries	\$13,142 05
Printing	637 97
Expressage	618 51
Telephone	499 47
Postage	435 78
Stationery	218 73
Office expenses and library supplies	167 41
Total	<u>\$15,719 92</u>
Estimated proportion expended on work:	
For the Suffolk School probationers	\$1,450
For the Parental School probationers	1,650
For the Parental School	500
For the Suffolk School for Boys	500
	<u>\$4,100 00</u>
Estimated amount expended on work of Placing-Out Division	11,619 92
Total	<u>\$15,719 92</u>

TABLE NO. 2 C.

Placing-Out Division.

Board of children (including an average of 26 probationers)	\$58,825 94
Board of children at Massachusetts Hospital School, (an average of 34)	7,153 71
Board of children at Long Island Hospital and State Hospital (an average of 18 for the year),	1,838 04
Board of children at Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, and at the Hospital for Epileptics	*109 10
Board of children at State Sanatorium	†411 17
Clothing and children's furnishings	9,105 72
Transportation (visitation and travelling expenses),	5,423 78
Medical and surgical care and supplies	3,070 36
Expenses, account adoption of children	81 00
Expense of burials during the year	15 00
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	\$86,033 82

CREDITS.

Board paid for an average of 26 probationers	\$2,762 50
Cash received, account board of children, etc., (sent to City Collector,)	986 65
Clothing furnished truants on probation,	373 40
Increase in inventory of clothing Feb. 1, 1911, over Feb. 1, 1910	355 51
Clothing furnished delinquents on probation	196 68
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Total credits	\$4,674 74
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Net total	<u>\$81,359 08</u>

* This amount was for board of children at these Institutions previous to December 1, 1908, for whom no bill was rendered until 1910, the settlement being then determined in Boston.

† This amount was for board of children to March 1, 1910. Since that time these bills have been paid by the Board of Health.

TABLE NO. 2 D.

Expenditures of Placing-Out Division	\$81,359 08
Estimated proportion of office expenses expended on this Division	11,619 92
Total	<u>\$92,979 00</u>
Cost of board of children at other institutions,	9,512 02
Net expenditures for dependent and neglected children in homes (free and boarding)	<u><u>\$83,466 98</u></u>

TABLE NO. 2 E.

Total cost of dependent and neglected children placed in families (average number 763)	<u>\$83,466 98</u>
Per capita total expense of dependent and neglected children in families	<u>\$109 39</u>
Of the average number of dependent and neglected children boarded during the year (486),	
The average cost of board per capita was	\$115 36
The average cost of clothing per capita (estimated),	16 65
The average cost of medical care per capita (esti- mated).	6 00
Total	<u><u>\$138 01</u></u>
Of the total number of children placed-out in families the average number boarded dur- ing the year (including an average of 26 probationers) was	512
The average number of children on indenture in free homes during the year (including an average of 58 probationers) was	<u>335</u>
The total average of children in country homes (both free and boarding homes) was	<u><u>847</u></u>
The cost of board for these children was	\$58,825 94
Clothing	9,105 72
Transportation	5,423 78
Medical care	3,070 36
Total	<u><u>\$76,425 80</u></u>
Per capita expense of children placed in families, including these items	<u><u>\$90 23</u></u>

TABLE NO. 2 F.

Expenses for Suffolk School for Boys.

Salaries :

Superintendent	\$2,000 00	
Officers and Matrons	13,186 90	
Teachers	3,468 32	
	<hr/>	\$18,655 22
Food and ice	8,268 54	
Repairs	3,966 52	
Fuel and light	2,788 12	
Furniture and utensils	2,051 62	
Laundry	1,901 20	
Agricultural supplies	1,505 79	
Clothing and bedding	1,174 46	
School and library supplies	395 45	
Medical care and supplies	384 62	
Soap and disinfectants	335 03	
Telephone	162 96	
Sundries (including postage, advertising, station- ery, entertainment of inmates, transportation, and freight)	125 36	
	<hr/>	\$41,714 89

Industries :

Shoemaking	\$3,273	80	
Printing	302	68	
			3,576 48
Total	\$45,291	37	

Estimated proportion of office expenses	.	.	500 00
			<u> </u>
			\$45,791 37

CREDITS.

Income from the Shoe-shop from other Divisions	\$2,325 90	
Income from the Printing Office from other Divisions	461 75	
Cash received account printing	8 00	
“ “ cow (from State)	*40 00	
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Income sent to City Collector		2,835 65
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Net total		\$42,955 72
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* This amount was not credited to our appropriation.

Per capita expense of an average of 132 boys at the Suffolk School for Boys during the year .	<u>\$325 42</u>
Per capita expense of an average of 132 boys per week	<u>\$6 24</u>
Shoes made by the Shoe-shop for boys at the Insti- tution	\$985 65
Printing done by the Printing Office for the Institu- tion	102 00
Making an additional income from Industries of .	<u>\$1,087 65</u>

TABLE NO. 2 G.

Expenses for Parental School.

Salaries :

Superintendent	\$2,000 00	
Officers and Matrons	14,669 64	
Teachers	9,044 16	
	<hr/>	\$25,713 80
Food and ice		9,388 71
Fuel and lights		7,945 49
Repairs		2,772 31
Clothing and bedding		1,855 82
Furniture and utensils		1,632 44
Agricultural supplies		1,426 06
Soap and disinfectants		720 27
Medical care and supplies		615 17
School and library supplies		358 37
Printing, stationery and postage		323 19
Entertainment of inmates		223 17
Telephone		208 09
Sundries (transportation, freight, etc.)		281 87
Taxes and rent of Helen Cheever Cottage		408 97
Water rates		867 60
Insurance on Boiler		200 00
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		\$54,941 33
Estimated proportion of office expenses		500 00
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		\$55,441 33

CREDITS.

Laundry work for the Suffolk School for Boys	\$2,051 62	
Cash received, account board of boys	223 36	
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Income sent to the City Collector		2,274 98
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Net total		\$53,166 35
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Per capita expense of an average of 165 boys and 7 girls at the Parental School during the year,		\$309 11
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Per capita expense per week		\$5 93
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Laundry work was done for the officers and inmates of the Parental School, making an additional income of		\$2,044 84
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TABLE NO. 3.

*Inventory, and Appraisal of Real and Personal Estate,
January 31, 1911.*

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES AND PLACING-OUT DIVISION.

Furniture, etc.,	\$1,020 00
Stationery and office supplies	300 00
Clothing and dry goods	2,823 74
Total	<u>\$4,143 74</u>

SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

Land	\$20,000 00
Buildings	41,000 00
	<u>\$61,000 00</u>
Bedding, clothing and dry goods	3,650 00
Household goods and furniture	3,540 00
Coal	2,290 00
Agricultural Department, equipment and supplies	1,650 00
Engineering Department, equipment and supplies,	3,200 00
	<u>\$75,330 00</u>
Shoemaking Department, equipment and supplies	5,437 00
Printing Department, equipment and supplies	2,220 00
Total	<u>\$82,987 00</u>

PARENTAL SCHOOL, WEST ROXBURY.

Land	\$52,500 00
Buildings (new school building, \$35,000)	250,000 00
	<u>\$302,500 00</u>
Furniture and household goods	6,300 00
Clothing, bedding and dry goods	3,500 00
Agricultural department, stock, vehicles and sup- plies	1,400 00
Coal	650 00
School equipment and supplies	1,100 00
Sundry other supplies	2,300 00
Total	<u>\$317,750 00</u>

STATISTICS OF THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

TABLE NO. 4.

*Number Committed during the year ending January 31, 1911,
Classified by Offences.*

Offences against property :

	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Percent.</i>
Breaking and entering	10	11.76
Breaking, entering and larceny	8	9.41
Larceny	19	22.35
Violation of Railroad Law	1	1.18
Wanton injury of personal property	1	1.18
Attempt to break and enter	1	1.18

Offences against the person :

Assault and battery	5	5.88
Assault with intent to rob	1	1.18

Other offences :

Delinquent child	3	3.53
Stubborn child	16	18.82
Vagrancy	1	1.18
Returned from probation by Trustees	19	22.35
Total	<u>85</u>	<u>100.00</u>

TABLE NO. 4 A.

Commitments, Discharges, and Number of Inmates during the last Ten Years.

	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
Total number in the Suffolk School for Boys at the beginning of the years . . .	88	112	119	131	148	160	120	145	142	137
Total number committed . . .	89	104	89	81	95	84	139	164	103	85
Total number during each year . . .	177	216	208	212	243	244	259	309	245	222
Total number discharged . . .	65	97	77	64	83	124	114	167	108	107
Total number on the books of the Institution at the close of each year . . .	112	119	131	148	160	120	145	142	137	115

TABLE NO. 5.

Number Released on Probation and Discharged during the Year, and their Condition at the end of the Year.

	TOTAL.	Doing well.	Conduct fair.	Conduct unsatisfactory.	Returned to the Suffolk School for Boys.	Massachusetts Reformatory.	Ab-sconded.	U.S. Navy.	To Relatives out of State.
DISCHARGED FROM THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.									
Transferred to Insane Hospital	1								
School for Feeble Minded	2 1								
Total discharged	4								
RELEASED ON PROBATION.									
To home, to attend school	20	12	5	3	2	1	1	2	2
To home, to work	64	30	15	11	1	1	2		
To be indentured	19	11	3	1					
Total number released on probation	103	53	23	15	3	2	3	2	2
Total discharged and released on probation	107								

TABLE NO. 6.

Number Committed during the Year from each of the Court Districts of the City.

Roxbury	17
South Boston	13
Juvenile	9
West Roxbury	7
East Boston	5
Dorchester	5
Charlestown	5
Brighton	2
Superior Court	3
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	66
Returned	19
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Total	<u>85</u>

TABLE NO. 7.

Nativity, and Nativity of Father, of Boys Committed during the Year.

	NATIVITY.	PERCENT.	NATIVITY OF FATHER.	PERCENT.
Boston	61	71.77	10	11.76
Elsewhere in Massachusetts	13	15.29	1	1.18
Elsewhere in United States	1	1.18	3	3.53
Foreign born	10	11.76	65	76.47
Unknown . . . . .	..	....	6	7.06
Total	85	100.00	85	100.00

TABLE NO. 8.

Number Committed by Months during the Year.

February, 1910	15	September, 1910	4
March, "	10	October, "	3
April, "	4	November, "	11
May, "	6	December, "	2
June, "	2	January, 1911	11
July, "	8		
August, "	9	Total	85

TABLE NO. 9.

Age of Boys at Commitment and at Release on Probation during the Year.

AGE.	Number Committed.	Percent.	Number Released on Probation.	Percent.
10 years	1	1.17		
11 "	4	4.72	3	2.80
12 "	2	2.35	7	6.54
13 "	11	12.94	11	10.28
14 "	18	21.18	9	8.42
15 "	25	29.41	23	21.50
16 "	18	21.18	27	25.23
17 "	5	5.88	20	18.69
18 "	1	1.17	7	6.54
Totals	85	100.00	107	100.00
Average age	14.57	....	15.22	

TABLE NO. 10.

*Boys Discharged or Released during the Year, Classified by
Duration of Commitment.*

4 months	1	22 months	2
7 "	3	23 "	1
8 "	4	24 "	2
9 "	6	25 "	3
10 "	7	26 "	1
11 "	10	27 "	3
12 "	9	28 "	1
13 "	5	29 "	1
14 "	3	30 "	3
15 "	8	32 "	2
16 "	7	35 "	1
17 "	6	36 "	1
18 "	3	39 "	1
19 "	2	41 "	1
20 "	6		
21 "	3	Total.....	*106

* One boy, who spent six days in the School, is not included in the tabulation.

Average number of months, spent in the Suffolk School
for Boys by all boys released or discharged . . . 16.74

Average number of months, spent in the Suffolk School
for Boys by all boys released on probation . . . 16.91

TABLE NO. 11.

Conditions and Conduct at end of Year 1910 of all Boys on Probation outside the Suffolk School for Boys, subject to the Control of the Trustees.

CONDITION AND CONDUCT.	On Probation. At home.	On Probation. On indenture and boarding.	On Probation. Working inde- pendently.	All boys on probation.	
					Percent.
Doing well	98	19	5	122	60.39
Conduct fair	43	4	2	49	24.25
Conduct unsatisfactory . . .	16	1	. .	17	8.41
Have been in other penal institutions	7	. .	1	8	3.96
Whereabouts and conditions unknown	1	2	3	6	2.99
Total	165	26	11	202	100.00

TABLE NO. 12.

Status of all Boys under Twenty-one whose Names were on the Books of the Suffolk School for Boys from May 1, 1895, to January 31, 1911.

IN THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS..... 115

RELEASED FROM THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS, BUT
STILL SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF THE TRUSTEES.

At home.....	127	
At home (attending school)	34	
Boarding " "	2	
Indentured (working)	25*	
Working independently	7	
In penal institutions other than the Massachusetts Reformatory	1	
Lost sight of temporarily	6	
	—	202

DISCHARGED FROM THE CARE OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

Released to go out of State	88	
In United States Army	26	
In United States Navy and Marine Corps	73	
Committed to Massachusetts Reformatory this year,	10	
Committed to Massachusetts Reformatory, former years	159	
Deported	1	
Discharged to Massachusetts State Prison.....	4	
“ to parents as unfit subjects.....	2	
“ to Sockanosset School	2	
“ to Lyman School	2	
“ to Parental School	2	
“ to Insane Hospital	2	
“ to School for Feeble-Minded	5	
“ to Home for Destitute Catholic Chil- dren	2	
“ to Pauper Department.....	1	
“ on account of error in commitment ...	2	
“ on decision of Corporation Counsel	1	
“ on writ of habeas corpus	2	
“ by order of Trustees.....	238	
Fine cases discharged at expiration of sentence or on payment of fine, previously	199	
Discharged on arriving at age of twenty-one	283	
Died	31	
	—	1,135

NAMES OCCURRING MORE THAN ONCE ON THE RECORDS.

Returned to Suffolk School for Boys this year	19	
Returned to Suffolk School for Boys previously....	183	
Recommitted to Suffolk School for Boys by courts previously.....	36	
	—	238
Total	1,690	

* Ten of these are with strangers, the others with relatives.

TABLE NO. 13.

Occupation of Boys Outside of the Suffolk School for Boys (subject to the control of the Trustees) having Employment at end of Year January 31, 1911.

EMPLOYED IN TRADES :

Brass moulders	1	<i>Brought forward</i>	8
Carriage-builders	1	Paper hangers	1
Carpenters	1	Piano makers	1
Electricians	1	Plumbers	3
Iron-moulders	1	Printers	6
Machinists	2	Roofers	2
Painters	1	Tailors	1
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<i>Carried forward</i>	8		22

EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES :

Shoe shops	10		
Factories (other than shoe-shops)	17		
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Employed in stores, markets, etc.			14
Attendant in hospital	1		
Elevator and bell-boys	3		
Errand boys	16		
Express teamsters	3		
Farmers	10		
Fisherman	1		
Florists	3		
Laundrymen	1		
Longshoremen	1		
Messenger boys	8		
Milkmen	3		
News-boy	1		
Office boys	7		
Peddlers	5		
Restaurant help	3		
Sailor	1		
Teamsters	8		
Ushers	1		
<hr/>			76
Total			139

STATISTICS OF THE PARENTAL SCHOOL.

TABLE NO. 14.

Movement of Population in the Parental School during the Year ending January 31, 1911.

	Number in School.	Committed.	Discharged.	Released on Probation.	Returned from Probation.	Died.	RECOMMITTED.			
							First time.	Second time.	Third time.	Fourth time.
FEB., 1910	187	66	14	114	39	2	29	8	1	1

TABLE NO. 15.

Nativity, and Nativity of Fathers of Boys and Girls Committed during the Year.

	NATIVITY.	PERCENT.	NATIVITY. OF FATHER.	PERCENT.
Boston	76	72.38	24	22.86
Elsewhere in Massachusetts	13	12.38	6	5.71
Elsewhere in United States	5	4.76	6	5.71
Foreign born	11	10.48	69	65.72
Total	105	100.00	105	100.00

TABLE NO. 16.

*Place in Family of Boys and Girls Committed and Returned
from Probation during the Year.*

GROUP.	NUMBER.
To eldest child group	24
To youngest child group	30
To only child group	5
Total.....	59

TABLE NO. 16 A.

*Parental Relations of Boys and Girls Committed and Returned
from Probation during Year.*

PARENTAL RELATION.	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
Both parents living	58	55.24
Father only living	10	9.52
Had stepmother	6	5.72
Mother only living	18	17.14
Had stepfather	9	8.57
Both parents dead	4	3.81
Total.....	105	100.00

TABLE NO. 17.

Ages of Boys and Girls at Commitment during the Year.

AGE.	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
7 years	1	.95
8 "	4	3.81
9 "	6	5.72
10 "	12	11.43
11 "	26	24.76
12 "	18	17.14
13 "	29	27.62
14 "	8	7.62
15 "	1	.95
Total	105	100.00

Average age : 12 years, 2 months, 22 days.

TABLE NO. 18.

Number of Boys and Girls Committed and Returned from Probation from each of the Court Districts for the Year.

COURT DISTRICTS.	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
Central	2	1.90
Juvenile (Central).....	22	20.96
South Boston.....	19	18.10
Roxbury.....	35	33.33
Dorchester	12	11.42
East Boston	2	1.90
Charlestown.....	9	8.58
West Roxbury.....	4	3.81
Total	105	100.00

TABLE NO. 19.

Average Attendance and number Committed, Discharged, Released on Probation, Returned from Probation, and the Deaths, by Months, during the Year.

MONTH.	Committed.	Returned from Probation.	Discharged.	Released on Probation.	Died.	Average Attendance.
February, 1910	7	5	1	16	1	183.57
March, "	9	7	1	6	. .	184.80
April, "	8	1	2	16	1	185.07
May, "	9	5	3	10	. .	176.65
June, "	4	4	2	13	. .	177.53
July, " . . . . .	. .	3	. .	12	. .	169.26
August, " . . . . .	. .	2	1	. .	. .	165.71
September, "	2	. .	. .	14	. .	157.10
October, "	18	6	. .	6	. .	161.80
November, "	4	2	1	5	. .	172.87
December, "	1	1	1	13	. .	169.52
January, 1911	4	3	2	3	. .	159.26
Total	66	39	14	114	2	171.92

TABLE NO. 20.

*Boys and Girls Discharged and Released during the Year 1910,
Classified by duration of Commitment.*

Six months or less.....	1	<i>Brought forward</i>	84
Seven " "	3	Sixteen months or less...	8
Eight " "	5	Seventeen " " ...	7
Nine " "	10	Eighteen " " ...	2
Ten " "	10	Nineteen " " ...	10
Eleven " "	13	Twenty " " ...	2
Twelve " "	13	Twenty-one " " ...	3
Thirteen " "	11	Twenty-two " " ...	3
Fourteen " "	7	More than twenty - two months.....	11
Fifteen " "	11		
<i>Carried forward</i>	84	<i>Total</i>	130

Average time spent in the Parental School by boys and girls discharged and released during the year: 14 months, 18 days.

STATISTICS OF THE PLACING-OUT DIVISION.

TABLE NO. 21.

Total Number of Investigations during the Year.

INVESTIGATIONS.	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
For admission	753	35.96
Miscellaneous	825	39.40
Of boarding homes	66	3.15
Of free homes	60	2.86
For adoption and guardianship	5	.24
For release from Placing-Out Division	104	4.97
For release from Suffolk School for Boys (to parents' homes)	111	5.30
For release from Parental School on pro- bation (to parents' homes)	149	7.12
For return to Suffolk School for Boys from probation	21	1.00
Total	2,094	100.00

TABLE NO. 22.

Disposal of Applications for Admission of Dependent Children during the Year.

DISPOSAL.	SETTLEMENT IN BOSTON.		SETTLEMENT NOT IN BOSTON.		SETTLEMENT NOT OBTAINED.		TOTAL.	
	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.
Admitted to the care of the Department	184	62.79	. .	. .	. .	. .	184 *	44.23
Pending	6	2.05	. .	. .	. .	. .	6	1.45
Withdrawn	84	28.67	22	19.65	7	63.64	113	27.17
Refused	1	.34	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	.24
Referred to the State Minor Ward Department . . . . .	. .	. .	52	46.43	3	27.27	55	13.21
Referred to the Overseers of Poor, Boston . . . . .	. .	. .	30	26.78	1	9.09	31	7.45
Referred to the Overseers of Poor elsewhere . . . . .	. .	. .	2	1.78	. .	. .	2	.48
Referred to the Home for Destitute Catholic Children	4	1.37	. .	. .	. .	. .	4	.96
Referred to the Children's Aid Society	1	.34	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	.24
Referred to the Catholic Charitable Bureau	3	1.03	. .	. .	. .	. .	3	.72
Referred to the Children's Hospital	1	.34	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	.24
Application made at the School for Feeble-Minded	9	3.07	. .	. .	. .	. .	9	2.17
Application made at the Hospital for Epileptics . . . . .	. .	. .	1	.89	. .	. .	1	.24
Sent to State Hospital . . . . .	. .	. .	5	4.47	. .	. .	5	1.20
Total	293	100.00	112	100.00	11	100.00	416	100.00

* Eleven dependent children were admitted this year for whom application had been made last year.

TABLE NO. 23.

Number of Dependent and Neglected Children Admitted during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Dependent Children	109	86	195
Neglected Children	5	5	10
Total.....	114	91	205

TABLE NO. 24.

Nativity, Parent Nativity (Father), and Color of Children Received during the Year.

	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.	
	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.
Native born	192	98.46	10	100.00
Foreign born	3	1.54		
Total	195	100.00	10	100.00
White	194	99.49	10	100.00
Colored.....	1	.51		
NATIVITY OF FATHER.				
Native born	63	32.32	5	50.00
Canada and Provinces ..	19	9.74	4	40.00
Foreign born	92	47.17		
Unknown	21	10.77	1	10.00
Total	195	100.00	10	100.00

TABLE NO. 25.

Parental Relation of Children Admitted during the Year.

	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.	
	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.
Had both parents	92	47.14	2	20.00
No parents	12	6.17		
Father only	25	12.83	3	30.00
Mother only	44	22.57	4	40.00
Illegitimate	22	11.29	1	10.00
Total	195	100.00	10	100.00
Step-father	3	....	3	
Step-mother	5			
Father sick or disabled,	12			
Mother sick or disabled,	69	....	2	
Both parents sick or disabled	4			
Head of family out of employment	44	....	2	
Intemperate father	51	....	3	
Intemperate mother	12	....	1	
Both parents intemperate	5	....	3	
Parents separated	41	....	3	
Members of family had been arrested	43	....	6	
Parents known to have received charitable aid,	99	....	9	

TABLE NO. 26.

Applications for Release, to Parents or Friends, Received during the Year.

	APPLICATIONS.		GRANTED.		REFUSED.		UNDER CONSIDERATION.		WITHDRAWN.	
	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.	1910.	Percent.
Dependent children	101	25.83	67	23.51	17	30.91	12	28.57	5	55.55
Neglected children	20	5.12	2	.70	2	3.63	12	28.57	4	44.45
From Parental School	149	38.11	109	38.25	26	47.27	14	33.33		
From Suffolk School for Boys	121	30.94	107	37.54	10	18.19	4	9.53		
Total	391	100.00	285	100.00	55	100.00	42	100.00	9	100.00

TABLE NO. 27.

Ages of all Dependent and Neglected Children who were in Charge, Placed-Out, January 31, 1911.

	BOARDED.						INDENTURED.						TOTAL OF BOTH FOR THE YEAR.	
	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.		TOTAL BOARDING.		DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.		TOTAL INDENTURED.			
	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	1910.	Percent.	Girls.	Boys.	1910.	Percent.	Girls.	Boys.		
Under 1 year	1	3	. .	. .	4	.82	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	4	.54
“ 3 years and over 1	33	22	1	1	57	11.68	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	57	7.71
“ 5 “ “ 3	24	27	1	5	57	11.68	3	1	1	. .	5	1.99	62	8.39
“ 10 “ “ 5	62	98	13	15	188	38.52	8	6	. .	. .	14	5.58	202	27.33
“ 12 “ “ 10	27	45	11	10	93	19.06	5	6	2	. .	13	5.18	106	14.34
“ 15 “ “ 12	20	40	12	7	79	16.19	26	26	13	14	79	31.47	158	21.38
Over 15	5	3	2	. .	10	2.05	51	47	23	19	140	55.78	150	20.31
Total	172	238	40	38	488	100.00	93	86	39	33	251	100.00	739	100.00

TABLE NO. 28.

Children Discharged during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From Indenture	38	45	83
From Boarding	53	35	88
From other Institutions	25	28	53
Total	116	108	224

TABLE NO. 29.

Discharged from Indenture during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Arrived at age .....	..	11	11
Discharged to friends and relatives	4	11	15
Adopted	1	3	4
Died	1	..	1
Self-supporting	32	18	50
Married .....	..	2	2
Total	38	45	83

TABLE NO. 30.

*Applications from People desiring to take Children to Board
or on Indenture.*

APPLICATIONS.	BOARDING.	INDENTURE.
Total received	117	152
Approved	48	48
Disapproved	14	12
Withdrawn	10	6
Filled	31	40
Unfilled (on hand)	62	94

TABLE NO. 31.

Transfers during the Year.

Boys	294
Girls	236
Total	530

TABLE NO. 32.

Transfers of Indentured Children during the Year.

TRANSFERS.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From indenture to indenture.....	54	89	143
From indenture to boarding.....	15	36	51
Total.....	69	125	194

TABLE NO. 33.

Indentured for first time during the Year.

INDENTURED.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From office	1	1	2
From boarding homes	25	18	43
Total	26	19	45

TABLE NO. 34.

Ages of Children Indentured (for first time) during the Year.

AGE.	BOYS.		GIRLS.		TOTAL.
	Dependent.	Neglected.	Dependent.	Neglected.	
3 years . . . . .	..	..	1	..	1
4 " . . . . .	..	..	1	..	1
5 " . . . . .	..	..	1	..	1
6 " . . . . .	..	..	1	..	1
7 " . . . . .	..	..	1	..	1
8 "	1	..	..	..	1
9 "	1	..	1	..	2
10 "	1	..	1	..	2
11 "	3	..	1	..	4
12 "	4	..	1	1	6
13 "	5	2	2	2	11
14 "	3	1	..	3	7
15 "	2	1	1	..	4
16 "	2	..	..	..	2
17 " . . . . .	..	..	1	..	1
Total	22	4	13	6	45

TABLE NO. 35.

Location of Children at Board and on Indenture January 31, 1911.

LOCATION.	BOARDED.					INDENTURED.				
	Number of towns where children are placed.	Number of children.	Greatest number in any one town.	Average number in one town.	Number of towns with more than five children.	Number of towns where children are placed.	Number of children.	Greatest number in any one town.	Average number in one town.	Number of towns with more than five children.
Massachusetts.....	85	487	25	6	32	90	219	15	2	6
New Hampshire	1	1	1	1	:	12	15	2	1	
Maine	:	:	:	:	:	2	3	2	1	
Vermont	:	:	:	:	:	2	3	2	1	
Rhode Island	:	:	:	:	:	1	4	4	4	
New York	:	:	:	:	:	1	4	4	4	
Nova Scotia.....	:	:	:	:	:	1	1	1	1	
New Jersey	:	:	:	:	:	1	1	1	1	
Connecticut	:	:	:	:	:	1	1	1	1	
Total.....	86	488	26	7	32	111	251	32	16	6

TABLE NO. 36.

Classification of Homes January 31, 1911.

CLASSIFICATION.	BOARDING HOMES.			FREE HOMES.		
	Children Unrelated.	Children Related.	Total.	Children Unrelated.	Children Related.	Total.
Number of homes with one child	82	..	82	251	..	251
“ “ two children	42	31	73	6	..	6
“ “ three “	32	18	50			
“ “ four “	5	9	14	..	1	1
“ “ five “	5	..	5			
“ “ more than five children	5	..	5			

TABLE NO. 37.

Schooling of Placed-Out Children during the Year.

	BOARDED.	INDENTURED.	TOTAL.
CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL.			
Of age (5-15)	357	50	407
Over school age	5	28	33
CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.			
Over school age	5	169	174
Under school age	119	4	123
Mentally unfit	2	..	2
Total	488	251	739

TABLE NO. 38.

Average Number of Visits made to Dependent and Neglected Children during the Year.

Total number of children subject to visits (dependent and neglected)	739
Total number of visits made	3,256
Average number of visits to each child	4-|-

TABLE NO. 39.

Distribution of Children on the Rolls of this Department in the Care of other Institutions.

Long Island Hospital	15
State Hospital	1
Massachusetts Hospital School	44
Perkins Institution for the Blind	3
House of the Good Shepherd	8
American School for the Deaf	1
House of the Good Samaritan	1
Boston City Hospital	1
Boston Consumptives' Hospital	1
Total	<u>75</u>

TABLE NO. 40.

Deaths that have Occurred in the Placing-Out Division during the Year.

CASE NUMBER.	ADMITTED.	AGE AT DEATH.			CAUSE OF DEATH.	IN CARE OF DEPARTMENT.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
First	Aug. 6, 1909 . .	3	6	21	Bronchial Pneumonia and Phthisis . . . . .	. .	6	27
Second	Nov. 19, 1908 . .	14	11	6	Tuberculosis of hip	1	4	15
Third	June 5, 1900 . .	16	6	5	Killed by elevator	10	. .	3
Fourth	June 22, 1910 . .	. .	9	23	Entero Colitis . . . . .	. .	. .	19
Fifth	Oct. 27, 1909 . .	1	2	18	Infectious Diarrhoea . . . . .	. .	10	5
Sixth	April 12, 1909 . .	1	5	18	Colitis	1	4	32
Seventh	Feb. 2, 1910 . .	. .	10	26	Colitis and Pneumonia . . . . .	. .	7	3
Eighth	Dec. 13, 1910 . .	. .	1	12	Rachitis and Pneumonia . . . . .	. .	1	10
Ninth	May 22, 1909 . .	10	2	21	Tuberculous Meningitis . . . . .	. .	8	10

